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### **Minneapolis man indicted for conspiracy to distribute cocaine, methamphetamine**

A federal indictment was unsealed today charging a 49-year-old Minneapolis man with distributing methamphetamine and cocaine throughout the area over the last six-year period. Albert Arnold Garcia was charged with one count of conspiracy to distribute controlled substances and one count of possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine. The indictment, filed on October 20, 2009, was unsealed following Garcia's initial appearance.

The indictment alleges he knowingly and intentionally conspired to distribute 5 or more grams of methamphetamine and cocaine from January 2003 to February 25, 2009. It also alleges Garcia knowingly and intentionally possessed with intent to distribute 5 or more grams of methamphetamine on February 25, 2009.

If convicted, Garcia faces a potential maximum penalty of 40 years on each count. All sentences are determined by a federal district court judge. This case is the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Lake Superior Drug and Gang Task Force. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Christian S. Wilton.

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An indictment is a determination by a grand jury that there is probable cause to believe that offenses have been committed by a defendant. A defendant, of course, is presumed innocent until he or she pleads guilty or is proven guilty at trial.